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SUBJ: YARG COMPLAINT ON US POSITION REGARDING CEASEFIRE

1. AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY BY  
ACTING FONMIN ASNAG MORNING OCTOBER 11 TO RECEIVE  
CAREFULLY PRESENTED DEMARCHE DECIDED UPON BY YARG  
CABINET PREVIOUS EVENING. ASNAG'S POINTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. YARG VALUES AND IS ANXIOUS PRESEVE IN THIS  
DIFFICULT PERIOD THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS EVOLVED  
BETWEEN IT AND USG OVER PAST YEAR.

B. TO THIS END, SARG WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT AVOID  
INCIDENTS WHICH COULD MAR GOOD RELATIONS.

C. FROM WHAT IT KNOWNS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S  
STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST WAR YARG HAD RECEIVED GOOD  
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IMPRESSION OF USG INTENTION DEAL WITH PRESENT SITUATION

WITH SENSITIVITY AND EQUITY. FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF USG INTENTIONS FROM PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, HOWEVER, NEGATED BY RECENT STATEMENTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR SCALI INDICATING USG INSISTENCE ON LINKING ANY SC MOVE FOR CEASEFIRE WITH RESTORATION OF TERRITORIAL STATUS QUO ANTE. YARG VIEWS THIS POSITION AS UNFAIR AND UNFRIENDLY TO ARABS.

D. YARG CONSIDERS THAT PRESENT EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST, TRAGIC AS THESE ARE IN TERMS OF WASTE OF LIVES AND EQUIPMENT ON BOTH SIDES, OFFER FIRST REAL OPPORTUNITY SINCE 1948 TO BRING ABOUT A FINAL PEACE BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS FOLLOWING CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. IF BECAUSE OF PRESENT MILITARY ACTION ARAB PRIDE IS IN SOME SMALL MEASURE RESTORED, REALISTIC NEGOTIATIONS CAN TAKE PLACE LOOKING TOWARD FINAL SETTLEMENT.

E. PRE-WAR EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST HAD BEEN LEADING TOWARD SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OF ARAB RELATIONS WITH USG AND FREE WORLD IN GENERAL, WITH CONCOMMITANT WEAKENING OF TIES WITH USSR. YARG WOULD NOT LIKE SEE THIS PROCESS REVERSED BECAUSE OF USG DIPLOMATIC PARTISANSHIP FOR ISRAEL IN ITS DIPLOMATIC APPROACH TOWARD RESOLUTION OF CRISIS. YARG URGES USG SUPPORT A STRAIGHT CEASEFIRE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 242.

2. RESPONDING TO ACTING FONMIN'S DEMARCHE, AMBASSADOR PROVIDED IN FULL THE RATIONALE FOR USG POSITION SAYING THAT USG'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATIONS FOR LASTING PEACE FOLLOWING CESSATION OF PRESENT REGRETTABLE HOSTILITIES. ASNAG INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF USG RATIONALE.

3. APPROXIMATELY PARALLEL DEMARCHE MADE TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR.  
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